

NHS Leeds Assurance Statement on LPFT's draft Quality Account

NHS Leeds is Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust's largest commissioner of services. We are pleased to be able to review and comment on the 2009/2010 Quality Account.

We have reviewed the Quality Account of Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust and believe that it is an accurate reflection of the quality of services provided in the year being reported upon. We also believe that the information published in this Quality Account, that is also provided to the PCT as part of the contractual agreement, is accurate.

We are pleased to note LPFT's performance over the last year and its commitment to patient safety and experience, and we congratulate the Trust on winning the prestigious National Patient Safety Award for Mental Health. NHS Leeds is also pleased to acknowledge improvements and developments in areas such as delayed transfers of care, the reduction in number of reported incidents resulting in moderate harm or above, and the implementation of the Essence of Care approach in in-patient areas. We also commend their activity in engaging users and commitment to improve their experience of care.

In support of this, the drive to improve patient privacy and dignity and eliminate mixed-sex accommodation is welcomed and we are pleased that following a successful bid to the Department of Health's Privacy and Dignity Challenge Fund which was supported by NHS Leeds, the Trust made improvements to in-patient facilities to enable them to be able to declare that they had eliminated all mixed-sex accommodation.

For the forthcoming year, NHS Leeds has worked with Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust in developing a range of quality initiatives as part of the national CQUIN (Commissioning for Quality and Innovation) scheme. We expect that the Trust will work hard to implement these initiatives and have confidence in their ability to meet the standards that we expect as commissioners of high quality care. In support of safety and effectiveness, for instance, we have asked that the Trust undertake work to ensure that patients who have drug dependency issues receive additional support and advice, and that the Trust reviews its arrangements and policies to ensure that patients do not have access to drugs whilst undergoing inpatient treatment.

Over the past year NHS Leeds and Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust have worked positively together as commissioner and provider to ensure that the people of Leeds and surrounding areas receive high quality, safe and effective care, and we fully support the proposals outlined in this Quality Account.